

Chairperson: Louis Fortis, 276-2222  
Clerk: Carol Mueller, 278-4228  
Research Analyst: Julie Esch 278-4430

**Parks Advisory Commission**

**Wednesday, July 16, 2008 - 3:00 P.M.**

**219 North Milwaukee Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Public parking available across the street)**

**M I N U T E S**

**Scheduled Items:**

**PRESENT: Rafael Acevedo, Jr., John Gurda, F. William Haberman, Henry Hamilton III, Penelope Stewart and Louis Fortis (Chair) - 6**

**EXCUSED: Daniel Steininger – 1**

**ALTERNATE: Nancy Davlantes**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. with all members present except Mr. Steininger, who was excused.

**2. Approval of minutes from June 18, 2008**

The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote of members present.

**3. Discussion: how does the Commission proceed, now that the County Board has acted on the advisory referendum?**

Supervisor Broderick informed the Commission that the County Executive vetoed the resolution calling for a sales tax referendum for a 1% increase to give property tax relief and fund parks, transit and emergency medical services (EMS). He also stated that it is anticipated that the veto would be overridden. A vote on this action will be postponed until September 2008.

Questions regarding having sufficient time to get on the November ballot were addressed. After further investigation it was found that the resolution has to be approved 42 days prior to the election to meet the requirement by law to get on the November ballot.

It was noted that this election will be unique in that a larger than normal turn out is expected.

Clarity was requested on what happens if the referendum is passed. If the referendum is approved by the citizens it goes to the State legislature, after review

## **SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

and authorizing legislation the item would come back before the County Board prior to any action taking place. An ordinance would be created to encompass the details contained in the resolution. These include, but are not limited to, percentage of allocation to the various entities, sales tax relief, reserve accounts and implementation date.

A discussion ensued on the affects the following may have on the outcome of the vote on the referendum: the lack of information presented to the public; combining the transit, parks and EMS for sales tax funding; the lack of how the money is allocated between the entities and guaranteed continued sales tax relief.

Supervisor Broderick said he sees the Commission as a long-term source, and would like their continued participation and support.

The Commission suggested holding a public hearing at a central location in October 2008 in the evening. County Board staff will secure the room and have the hearing posted.

The Commission encouraged participation and support from grassroots groups, transit supporters or any park friends groups at the public hearing. This meeting would not require staff to be present.

### **4. Future meeting dates and items for discussion**

Future meetings will be at the call of the Chair.

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Supervisor Gerry Broderick, District 3  
Ms. Julie Esch, Research Analyst

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p. m.

Carol Mueller, Committee Clerk

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